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TAGS: EMIN, SF, MA  
SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR OIL SHALE INQUIRY

TO: MARGARET W. SAVAGE  
VICE PRESIDENT  
THERMO-MIST COMPANY  
9528 LEMORAN AVENUE  
DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240  
213-862-3223

1. IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF JULY 27, MR. GEORGES RAMPARANY, CHIEF OF SERVICE MINES & GEOLOGY, IN MADAGASCAR MINISTRY OF ECONOMY & COMMERCE, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD WELCOME VISIT FROM THERMO-MIST REPRESENTATIVES. RAMPARANY INTENDS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE WITH THE VISITORS WHEN THEY VISIT OIL SHALE DEPOSITS. HE BELIEVES SAMBAINA-ANTANIFOTSY DEPOSIT COULD BE VISITED FROM ANTANANARIVO BY ROAD IN ONE DAY AND THAT THE ONILAHY RIVER DEPOSIT CAN BE VISITED IN ONE OR TWO DAYS FROM TULEAR USING AIR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN ANTANANARIVO AND TULEAR.

2. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED ALSO IN MADAGASCAR OIL SAND DEPOSITS AT BEMOLANGA IN REMOTE WESTERN AREA OF MADAGASCAR. RAMPARANY BELIEVES THAT VISIT TO THESE DEPOSITS NOT PRACTICAL BUT HIS SERVICE HAS SAMPLES FROM THESE DEPOSITS AVAILABLE IN ANTANANARIVO.

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3. PLEASE LET EMBASSY KNOW BY LETTER OR TELEGRAM WHAT DATES YOU PLAN TO VISIT MADAGASCAR SO THAT WE CAN PASS THIS ON TO RAMPARANY. BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE MADAGASCAR VISAS BEFORE ARRIVAL.

4. ON ARRIVAL, CONTACT EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER

SAMUEL V. SMITH OR HIS ASSISTANT MRS. HENRIETTE RALALAHARISOA.

AMERICAN EMBASSY  
ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCARBARRETT

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